

Remarks

Claim 24 is cancelled. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of the originally filed claims (including that of the cancelled claims) in a continuation application.

New claims 27-32 have been added. Support for new claims 27-32 can be found in claims 10, 11, 14, 15, 16 and 25.

No new matter has been added.

Declaration for Patent Application

Applicant submits herewith an updated Declaration for Patent Application from inventor Barbara P. Wallner. This Declaration corrects an error in the filing date of the PCT priority document.

Allowed Claims

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledgement that claims 9-12, 14-16, 25 and 26 are allowed.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a)

Claim 24 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by WO 98/25644. Claim 24 is cancelled, rendering this rejection moot.

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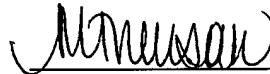
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Summary

If the Examiner has any questions and believes that a telephone conference with Applicant's representative would prove helpful in expediting the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned at (617) 646-8266.

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